

VLR- 5/13/69
NRHP- 11/12/69 01-2NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Accomack	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: Bowman's Folly			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Bowman's Folly; Montpelier			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: .2 mi. N of Folly Creek, .4 mi. S of Rt. 652, 2.5 mi. SE of intersection of Rt. 652 and Rt. 13.			
CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: Accomack	CODE 001

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNERS NAME: Mr. Beverly F. Brown Bayly Fielding & Anne Bowman Turlington	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Front Royal Sewanee, Tenn	STATE: Virginia
	CODE 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Accomack County Court House	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Accomack	STATE: Virginia
	CODE 45
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 184 acres	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1958	
Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia
	CODE 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bowman's Folly is situated on an artificial mound which General John Cropper, Junior, had built so that the house would have an impressive location, whether looking from the house or toward it from the water. The two and-a-half story, gable roof main block of Bowman's Folly combines with its one and-a-half story eastern wings and outbuildings to form an extremely fine architectural group. The house features Flemish bond brick ends, each with an interior end chimney. The frame fronts on the north and south display fine provincial detailing in the cornice with its dentils and modillions, the second story, central Palladian window, the five pedimented dormers with their arched openings, and the pedimented entranceway porch which features a smaller version of the roof cornice resting directly on slender Doric columns. The old frame kitchen has been connected to the main building by a low hyphen and a later frame wing.

The interior of the house features a central hall plan with two rooms on the first floor. These contain paneled dados consisting of narrow vertical insets, simple chair rails and cornices, and mantels using characteristically early-nineteenth century reeding in the central panel and pilasters of the framings.

The outbuildings include a frame dovecote raised on simple posts, and a frame privy complete with two small windows at either side of the entranceway, and raised wall paneling on the interior.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATES (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐Religion/Phi- ☐Other (Specify) ☒Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐ArchitectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☒Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐Social/Human- ☐Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Built circa 1815 by General John Cropper, Junior (1755-1821), the present Bowman's Folly replaces an earlier dwelling which burned. The land originally had been patented by Captain Edmund Bowman in 1664, and passed to John Cropper who had married Bowman's daughter. John Cropper, Junior, was born at Bowman's Folly in 1755. He served in the Revolution under George Washington at the Battle of Brandywine and was also a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, 1784-92, and the Virginia Senate, 1813-15.

Architecturally, Bowman's Folly is an excellent example of the provincialism, used here on a grand scale, which occurs on the Eastern Shore in interpreting stylistic features. The dormers and Palladian window greatly enhance the frame and brick form typical of the Shore, and the outbuildings, especially the privy, are extremely fine.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lancaster, Robert A., Historic Virginia Homes and Churches, Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1915.
 Whitelaw, Ralph T., Virginia's Eastern Shore, Gloucester, Massachusetts: Peter Smith, 1968. 2 vols.
 Wise, Barton Haxall, "Memoir of General John Cropper" Proceedings of the Virginia Historical Society . . . with Historical Papers, Richmond: 1891, pp. 273-316.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"		
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"		

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Staff Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

9th Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Richmond

STATE

Virginia

CODE

45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #01-2
1968

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219

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